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1. UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP MET MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 17 AND COVERED PARAS 46-58 OF THE SECT ANALYTICAL STUDY CONCERNING THE SC AND PEACEKEEPING. SPAIN, UK, USSR, PAKISTAN, POLAND, FRANCE, AND US SUPPORTED PRESENT PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE.

2. CONCERNING PEACEKEEPING, ROMANIA CALLED FOR MORE CLEAR-CUT LANGUAGE IN THE CHARTER STIPULATING GUIDELINES. US SAID LACK OF MORE PRECISE GUIDELINES HAS NOT PREVENTED SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS. YUGOSLAVIA AND PAKISTAN SUPPORTED ROMANIA. MEXICO ENUMERATED THREE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS: WHETHER THE FORCES SHOULD BE DIRECTED BY THE SYG OR THE SC; WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE FINANCED ON PRO-RATED BASIS AMONG ALL MEMBERS, OR, AS MEXICO PREFERES, FINANCED MAINLY BY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS; AND WHY STATES HAVE NOT SIGNED SPECIAL PRIOR AGREEMENTS AS CALLED FOR IN ARTICLE 43 OF THE CHARTER.

3. THE PHILLIPINES CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM AND FOR LANGUAGE IN THE CHARTER REFERRING TO OBSERVATION TEAMS AND INTERPOSITION FORCES. UK
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SAID THAT IT IS NOT USEFUL TO INSTITUTIONALIZE GUIDELINES SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT IN EACH CASE. USSR SAID THAT THIS DISCUSSION EXCEEDED MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE. GREECE CASTIGATED UNNAMED COUNTRY FOR FIRING ON UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES AND CALLED THAT ACTION VIOLATION OF OBLIGATIONS OF UN MEMBER STATE.

4. COLOMBIAN DELEGATE PROPOSED PERMANENT SC FORCE TO PRE-VENT AND/OR SETTLE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS. HE SAID THIS FORCE COULD BE COMPOSED OF NUMERICALLY EQUAL CONTINGENTS FROM THE FIVE MAJOR POWERS AND FROM FIVE STATES ELECTED BY THE UNGA FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS. YUGOSLAVIA, SUPPORTED BY COLOMBIA, CALLED FOR INCLUSION OF GA-APPROVED DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION IN CHARTER. USSR SAID THIS ACTION WOULD LIMITE DISCRETIONARY POWER OF SC. FRANCE SUPPORTED USSR. NEXT MEETING MORNING OF FEBRUARY 18.
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